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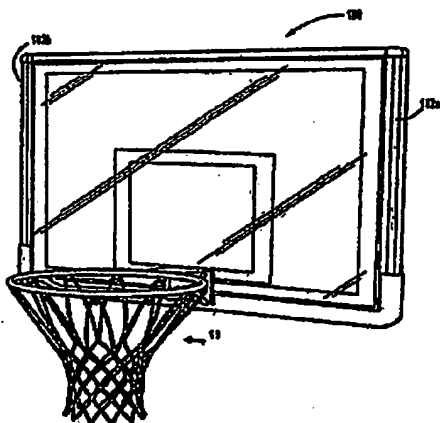
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

The title page showing the illustrative figure should be deleted and substitute with the attached title page.

Drawings

Sheet 4 delete and replace with drawing consisting of Figure 9, as shown below.



Column 1

Line 18, before "well known" add --a--

Column 2

Line 43, change "structures be" to --structures to be--

Column 5

Line 48, change "such blow-molded" to --such as blow-molded--

Column 7

Line 27, change "is basketball" to --is a basketball--

Column 8

Line 34, delete "8"

Column 9

Line 1, delete "8"

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Column 10

Line 36, delete "8"
Line 65, delete "8"

Column 11

Line 1, delete "8"
Line 26, delete "8"
Line 55, change "located" to --locating--

Column 12

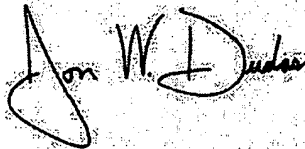
Line 20, delete "8"
Line 39, change "extends" to --extend--
Line 66, delete "8"

Column 13

Line 1, delete "8"

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(54) **BASKETBALL BACKBOARD**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A basketball backboard may include one or more weights disposed proximate the perimeter of the backboard in order to enhance the rebounding characteristics of the backboard. In particular, a first weight may be positioned proximate a first side of the backboard and a second weight may be positioned proximate a second side of the backboard in order to enhance the rebounding characteristics of the backboard. Advantageously, the weights may be positioned internally within the backboard or the weights may be positioned externally to the backboard. In addition, the weights may be selectively or permanently attached to the backboard, and the weights may also be sized and configured to increase the rigidity of the basketball backboard.

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